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In re Application: Robert J. HAUBER et al. ]

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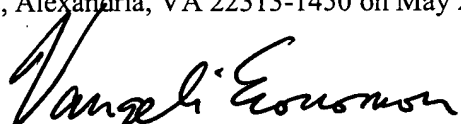
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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURE OF ]  
GLASS REINFORCED GYPSUM BOARD AND ]  
APPARATUS THEREFOR (As Amended) ]

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**ELECTION AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This election is in response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2004, and to the restriction requirement made therein. Please also enter the attached Request for Extension of Time for one-month extending the period for response up to May 24, 2004.

**ELECTION:**

Applicants elect to prosecute further in this application the claims of Group I, Claims 1-17, drawn to a method of manufacturing a gypsum board, without traverse.

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:**

Prior to commencement of the examination of the pending claims on the merits of this application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment: